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11. LEAD STORIES: Front-page stories on Tuesday morning included court testimony on Tuesday by a former senior Japanese diplomat, who acknowledged the existence of two "secret accords" with the U.S. regarding the 1972 reversion of Okinawa.

12. "Zardari Government Anxious to Hang on to Power" The conservative Sankei stated (12/2): "The foundation of the Pakistani government of President Zardari has been shaken in view of an intensifying debate over the legitimacy of immunity from prosecution given to Zardari and others by the former Musharraf administration. In a bid to hold on to power, President Zardari is trying to deflect criticism by ceding 'control of nuclear arsenals' to Prime Minister Gilani. However, dissatisfaction with and criticism of the unpopular administration are on the rise."

13. "North Korean People Shaken by Denomination of Currency" On the Kim Jong Il regime's decision to sharply raise the value of its currency, the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri wrote from Seoul (12/2): "The sudden currency reform was implemented in order to cope with rapid inflation as well to tighten the government's grip by reinforcing its control of assets concealed by the general public, illicit amassing of fortunes by the wealthy, and the black market. However, the North Korean people were greatly dismayed by the decision, as it effectively means that their assets will be taken away by the government. There is a possibility that their discontent will escalate."

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